

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

D<sup>1</sup>  
20. (Amended) An isolated truncated glucanase having enhanced glucanase activity and an amino acid sequence of a total number of amino acid residues between 248 to 322, wherein a portion of said amino acid sequence starting at amino acid residue 5th and extending at least 243 amino acid residue is substantially identical to a corresponding portion of SEQ ID No. 3, starting at amino acid residue 28th of SEQ ID No. 3 and extending therefrom.

D<sup>2</sup>  
22. (Amended) The SEQ ID No. 3 of claim 20 is identical to a wild-type glucanase from *Fibrobactor succinogenes*.

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 20 and 22 has been amended.

Claims 20-24 are now pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph:

The Examiner rejects claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claim languages